

City of Palo Alto  
Office of the Mayor and City Council

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Director Mark Cowin  
California Department of Water Resources  
1416 9th Street, Room 1115-1  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Director Cowin:

On behalf of the City of Palo Alto, a member agency of the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (SFCJPA), I am writing to thank you for the Department of Water Resources recommendation to provide \$8 million to the SFCJPA from the Stormwater Flood Management Grant program. The project recommended for funding, the *San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection and Ecosystem Restoration Capital Improvement Project, East Bayshore Road to San Francisco Bay*, is part of a comprehensive program to address the flood management, ecosystem and recreational needs of our local community.

This vital funding will allow us to begin to solve the flooding risk following a storm that damaged approximately 1,700 properties in our watershed thirteen years ago. The project recommended for funding will protect residents living below sea level in homes with rooflines below an uncertified levee, and protect major local, state, and federal infrastructure. The State's Bay Conservation and Development Commission is using this project as a case study because it will be one of the first projects to simultaneously protect against a 100-year fluvial flood, 100-year tide and the most extreme predictions of sea level rise. Additionally, it will provide very important ecosystem benefits to endangered species and new or improved trails to residents of the region.

Thank you again for the Department's support of our funding request. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact SFCJPA Executive Director Len Materman at 650-561-4580 or [len@sfcjpa.org](mailto:len@sfcjpa.org).

Sincerely,

  
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